

**NDE Bulletin**  
**January 17, 2013**

**SAVE THE DATE – 2013 State Data Conference**

April 29-30, 2013 – Kearney Nebraska



**School Improvement Grant (SIG) Waiver Notice**

Contact: Randy McIntyre (402-471-1749 or [randy.mcintyre@nebraska.gov](mailto:randy.mcintyre@nebraska.gov))

NDE (Nebraska Department of Education) is applying for waivers regarding the FY 2012 School Improvement Grants (SIG). The waiver information can be found on the NDE Title I School Improvement webpage ([http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title\\_1\\_Part\\_A\\_SIG.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title_1_Part_A_SIG.html)). Comments are due to Randy McIntyre by 5:00 p.m. CT on Friday, January 25, 2013.



**Homeless Student Point in Time Count**

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) "Point in Time" (PIT) count. The date for this PIT count is January 23, 2013. To arrive at the most accurate number of students in homeless situations, a representative from the CoC will be contacting your district (or already has) and providing you with a form to report this number. It is important to note, for this report, the definition used for identifying students in homeless situations is not the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education definition used by schools for identifying and serving students. It is the HUD definition. This definition can be found in links on page 13 and 14 of this PDF document: <https://www.onecpd.info/resources/documents/2013HICandPITGuidance.pdf>. Basically for this CoC PIT count you would not include students who are doubled up. This refers to students who are sharing the housing of others due to economic hardship or similar reason. These students should still be identified as homeless students and offered all services and protections as required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act and reported in the programs facts template in the NSSRS when that data is submitted.

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2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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